

Remarks:

Applicant has studied the Office Action dated June 1, 2005, and has amended the claims and the specification pursuant to the Examiner's suggestion. Claims 25-56 are pending. By virtue of this amendment, claims 35, 37, 39 and 53 have been amended. No new matter has been added. Support for the new claims and the amendments is found within the specification and the drawings. It is submitted that the application, as amended, is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and reexamination are respectfully requested.

Objection to nonstatutory doubling patent rejection

The Examiner has provisionally rejected claim 25-56 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claim 25-56 of copending U.S. Application No. 10/791,457. In response, in the interest of expediting prosecution of this application without prejudice, the applicant hereby submits a terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.321(c) to overcome this rejection. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the rejection of claim 25-56 be withdrawn.

No amendment made was related to the statutory requirements of patentability unless expressly stated herein; and no amendment made was for the purpose of narrowing the scope of any claim, unless Applicants have expressly argued herein that such amendment was made to distinguish over a particular reference or combination of references.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at the Los Angeles, California, telephone number (213) 623-2221 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,
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